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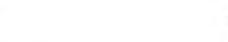
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

The following Response to Restriction Requirement is in response to the office action of 3/25/03, wherein pending claims 1-80 were subject to a five-way restriction requirement. The applicants believe that this restriction requirement is inappropriate and disagree with the examiner's determination. All claims of this US National Phase Application of PCT International Patent Application No. PCT/EP00/04499 relate to a single group of inventions, each relating to a single inventive concept having a technical relationship between special technical features which define a contribution which each of the claimed inventions, considered as a whole, makes over the prior art. As set forth below, Applicants therefore request reconsideration of the requirement under 37 CFR 1.143, and withdrawal of the requirement.

Should Applicant's request for withdrawal be denied, and during pendency of appeal from this denial, Applicants then provisionally elect, as required by 37 CFR 1.143, those claims set forth in Group I for prosecution.

The pending claims are as follows: